

October 14, 2021

EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. by President Davis who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon a roll call, in attendance were Trustees Bacon, Chase, Barr, Dye, Rademacher, and Palmer. Clerk Smith was also in attendance.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Barr added discussion of Mass Gathering permit and discussion of Park Committee meeting under New Business.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, motion passed unanimously. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Terry Bacon commented on the proposed Point of Sale Septic Inspection Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS – Letter from Mary Sharry was read aloud by Bacon.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Grobbel reviewed his written report. He reviewed several inquiries related to planning and zoning. He suggested the Planning Commission review several sections of the ordinance (Mass Gathering permits and Gateway Commercial).

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Bacon noted the Tree Committee reviewed the grant application and tree inventory today. Minutes will be available shortly. Chase provided an update on Personnel Committee search for new employee. Dye reviewed the Parks Committee minutes and the items they discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

POINT OF SALE SEPTIC INSPECTION ORDINANCE #137–The following issues were discussed: enforcement of requirements by Health Department vs Village, whether the Village should be interfering with potential sales, whether protection of all water is important to public health and safety. The committee will re-examine the ordinance before bringing it to a vote.

WATER CROSS CONNECTION LETTER – Letter was reviewed, and a small wording addition was made. The letter will be added to the regular meeting agenda for a vote.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT FOR MARATHON – A variety of issues related to the most recent marathon were discussed. Many households were disrupted by the timing, parking, noise, size of crowd and traffic control. There was consensus that this be added to the regular meeting agenda to consider sending to the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

SEAWALL DISCUSSION – Dye would like advice from the Village Engineer regarding maintenance of seawall. There was discussion of what infrastructures should be prioritized. The issue will be added to the regular meeting agenda.

COMMITTEE PROCESS - There was discussion of the minutes and recommendations from the Parks Committee. There was clarification of how committees should address only topics assigned by Council and then make only those recommendations that are approved by a majority of

members. Should other topics arise, they can be brought to President Davis for direction. Davis reported on the recent water line break and thanked all involved in their quick response.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Meg Walton commented on the marathon’s impact on the Village. Chris Grobbel commented on sole source engineering.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS – Bacon thanked Davis for calling each Council member regarding the watermain break. Rademacher commented on the surprises that often surface during a mass gathering. Palmer thanked Smith for the financial report.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:19 p.m.

Derith Smith, Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the October 26th, 2021, Regular Council meeting.

